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SUBJECT: GULF BUREAU EMERGENCY COVERAGE PLAN UPDATE

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1. GULF BUREAU RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY COVERAGE PLAN DATED 8 APR 85:
2. GRAF 1A ARMENIAN: DELETE "YEREVAN PAPERS FROM LONDON AND BEIRUT PAPERS AS AVAILABLE." THESE SOURCES ARE NO LONGER ON BUREAU COVERAGE.
3. GRAF 2B PERSONNEL SHIFT TO JORDAN SHOULD READ "SIX ARABIC MONITORS." THE REFERENCE TO KURDISH SHOULD BE DELETED; THE BUREAU WILL LOSE THIS LANGUAGE CAPABILITY ON 1 MAR AND HAS NO PROSPECTS OR PLANS FOR REPLACEMENT. THE OVERALL INCREASE OF ONE IS TO ACCOUNT FOR THE ENTIRE COMPLEMENT OF MONITORS.
4. GRAF 3A ENGLISH: DELETE TEHRAN IRNA ENGLISH. THIS SOURCE IS BBC/LD COVERAGE ALREADY; NO COVERAGE SHIFT IS REQUIRED. GF'S BACKSTOP ROLE (RARELY USED) SIMPLY WOULD NOT APPLY IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.
5. GRAF 6 LOSSES: DELETE REFERENCE TO "PARTS OF TEHRAN IRNA ENGLISH" IN LINE TWO AND REFERENCE TO KURDISH COVERAGE IN PENULTIMATE LINE.
6. GRAF 8: ALTROUTE B SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ "LANDLINE VIA EMBASSY TO LOCAL USN UNIT--FOR PROLONGED OUTAGES ONLY." WITH LANDLINE SERVICE, ALTROUTE B IS NOW SUITABLE FOR FYI'S AND COORDINATION MESSAGES. THE TIME AND EFFORT INVOLVED IN ACTIVATING AND OPERATING THE SYSTEM, HOWEVER, CONTINUES TO LIMIT ITS USAGE TO PROLONGED OUTAGES.

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7. ONE MONITOR POSITION WILL BE MOVED FROM PERSIAN TO ARABIC THIS SUMMER. AFTER THAT TIME, THE PERSONNEL SHIFT TO LONDON WILL BE TWO PERSIAN MONITORS INSTEAD OF THREE.

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